GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WASTAGE OF RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 70 percent of water in rivers flows to the ocean as waste;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)
(a) to (c) The average annual water availability in the country is assessed as 1869 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM). Utilisation of water for diverse purposes is made through various schemes including major, medium & minor projects, both surface & ground water. It has been estimated that owing to topographic, hydrological and other constraints, the utilizable water is assessed as 1122 BCM. Rest of the water could be considered to be flowing down to sea, part of which is necessary from ecological and other considerations.